CLAIMS

 An exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):

 $A_{1-x}A'_{x}B_{1-y-z}B'_{y}Pt_{z}O_{3}$ (1)

wherein A represents at least one element selected from rareearth elements which essentially include one or more rareearth elements each having a valence of 3 as the only valence; A' represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals and Ag; B represents at least one element selected from Fe, Mn, and Al; B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements excluding Pt, Fe, Mn, Co, and the rare-earth elements; x is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation: $0 < x \le 0.5$; y is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation: $0 \le y < 0.5$; and z is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation: $0 \le y \le 0.5$;

- 2. The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein, in the general formula (1), A represents at least one element selected from La, Nd, and Y; A' represents at least one element selected from Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, and Ag; and B' represents at least one element selected from Rh and Ru.
 - 3. The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to

claim 1, wherein y and z in the general formula (1) satisfy the following relation: $0 < y + z \le 0.5$.

4. The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein x and z in the general formula (1) satisfy the following relation: x = z, provided that x and z satisfy the following condition: 2x = z when A' is Ag.